

Parish Newsletter

19th March 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



No: 1888

Jn 9:1-41

The Way of the Cross (Via Crucis)

What is the Way of the Holy Cross?

It is a traditional prayer or devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

It shows the last hours of Jesus' life as well as the road he travelled from the moment he was condemned until his burial. This is presented in 14 key moments.



When it did start?

Since the beginning of Christianity, as a sign of devotion, Christians have wanted to walk the road that Jesus walked from Pilate's House to Golgotha. But for this they had to go to Jerusalem. Since it was not possible for everyone, the Christians brought the "way of the cross" to their home.

When should I pray this prayer?

This prayer is recommended all the time, but especially during Lent because at the end of it we have the Easter celebrations that highlight the suffering that Christ chose to endure out of love for us.

Why should I pray this prayer?

As humans, we tend to constantly look for evidence that we are loved, accepted and appreciated by others. We consider that someone loves us when they give up their own comfort for us.

In the past, man looked to God, as a judge or policeman who is ready to accuse and condemn him. Jesus, while on earth, presented a God who does not want the sinner to die but to convert and be alive.

On his way to Calvary, carrying the cross on his back, Jesus presents a God who goes on and even when, according to human logic, God should condemn and punish, he chooses to love and forgive in the hope that the one who hits him, will understand and appreciate his kindness.



The Way of the Cross is an eloquent and significant proof of God's love for us, which aims to plant the seeds of divine love in us. Although it is good for us to know how much God loves us and always forgives us, it is not enough to make us happy. We need to practice this love in our relationship with others.

Jesus offers us example and help. When it's hard for us to practice it, let's remember his words

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

(Mt 16, 24)



*You are invited ...
to walk the
Stations of the Cross
in Punchestown
on Sunday
26th March at 3pm.
All Welcome.*

**Chrism Mass, Carlow Cathedral,
Monday 3rd April at 7.30pm**

**To reserve a space on the free bus,
please contact the parish office.
The bus will leave Ballycane Church at
6pm and return at approximately 11pm.**

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm

SACRISTY OUR LADY AND ST DAVID: 045 856 925

BALLYCANE OFFICE AND SACRISTY: 045 895 629

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm

SACRISTY TWO MILE HOUSE: 086 399 1706

REGISTERED CHARITY No: 20015848

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Liam Morgan	Sallins Road	087 133 7879
Fr. Alex Kochatt	Lakelands	045 898 684
Fr. Michael Flattery	Sundays Well	045 882 630
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Naas: Geraldine Faherty & Adrian King

Sallins: Dermot McGilloway, Emer McCarthy

Two Mile House: Paula Clancy & Suzanne Powell

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Michele Hughes, c/o Bishop's House, Carlow **Phone:** 085 802 1633

PARISH FINANCES

Naas: Development Fund: €2,970 Offertory: €3,334

Online donations (9th-15th Mar): €354

Tap & Go (9th-15th Mar): €535

Sallins: Envelopes: €400 Baskets: €620

TMH: €620

"THOSE WHO DIE IN GRACE GO BUT TO GOD AND GOD IS VERY NEAR"

MARGARET DALTON, SALLINS

SEAN O'SULLIVAN, FAIRGREEN

MAI O'SULLIVAN, FAIRGREEN

NIAL BURKE, SALLINS BRIDGE

MARY O'LEARY, ST. CONLETH'S PLACE

CATHLEEN GAFFNEY, WHITEWELL VIEW

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



Children's Rosary

Sallins Church

6pm each Saturday

Church of the Irish Martyrs

11.30-11.50am each Sunday

except the second Sunday of each month when there will be Children's Adoration at this time.



MASS TIMES

OUR LADY AND ST. DAVID, NAAS

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri: 7.30am & 10am

Sat: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6pm

SUNDAYS: 9am, 11am & 6pm

CHURCH OF THE IRISH MARTYRS, BALLYCANE

WEDNESDAYS: 7pm

SATURDAYS: 7.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10.30am & 12noon

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon. - Fri. 10am - 6pm Ballycane Church

Sat. 12noon - 6pm The Upper Room OLSD

Sun. 2pm - 5pm The Upper Room OLSD

OUR LADY & THE GUARDIAN ANGELS, SALLINS

WEEKDAYS: Fri: 10am

Sat Vigil: 6.30pm

SUNDAYS: 10am & 12noon

CHURCH OF ST PETER, TWO MILE HOUSE

WEEKDAYS: Mon. - Fri.: 9.30am

SUNDAYS: 11am

Confessions take place in Sallins Church on Thursdays 2pm - 4pm and in Our Lady & St David's Church on Saturdays after the 10am Mass.

Rosary at the Grotto

Please join us for Rosary on the Feast of the Annunciation, Saturday 25th March at 5pm.



RECENT BAPTISMS



Maximilian Fijalkowski, Sallins

Izabela Fijalkowska, Sallins

Juliana Fijalkowska, Sallins

Klaudia Fijalkowska, Sallins

Evanne Quinlan, Lakelands

Amelia Maher, Mountain View

Wyatt Kerslake, Bellingsfield

Oisín Devine, Morrell

Róisín Kelleher, Osberstown

Kai Maguire, Sallins

Leon McDonnell, Newbridge

Simone Tshepe, Whitethorn





Over the past few weeks, many young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parishes. We would be very happy to see them become more involved in the Faith community.

If any of them would like to become part of the Young Readers Group, we will be arranging training after Easter.

Maybe they might consider joining the Altar Servers, or the Children's Choir.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in becoming more involved as a young person in parish life.

There will always be a welcome for you!

Today's Readings:
are on pages 165-168 of the Mass Book



Daffodil Day 2023 Friday 24th March



Volunteers needed: for collection points throughout Naas Town.
Can you spare an hour to help raise much needed funds for the Irish Cancer Society?
Please contact Kay Callaghan on 0863827979.

SALLINS BOYSCOUTS GROUP
&
Sallins Tidy Towns

Monthly Litter Pick



Last Sunday of the month @ 11am
Meet us at Sallins Canal Stores
All equipment provided
Everyone welcome!



**MONASTEREVIN PARISH
SOLEMN NOVENA**

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help
The theme: Peace
Thursday 23rd – Saturday 25th March
(3 Nights of Lent)

For a list of speakers see monasterevinparish.ie

Kildare Bereavement Network

free in-person event for frontline workers, to raise awareness of the impact of bereavement and share information about where you can signpost people to for bereavement support Kildare.

Venue: Solas Bhride, Kildare town.

Date: Thursday, March 23rd

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

FREE but **BOOKING is required.**

Please visit our **website** for more information about the event and to

register. **Bereavement Workshop for Frontline Workers - Irish Hospice Foundation**



Join us for the final **Zoom Gathering for Lent**
from 7pm until 7.30pm on

23rd March with Bishop Denis

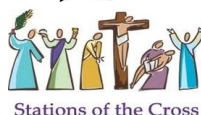
To register and receive a 'Zoom link',
please email office@naasparish.net.

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During the Season of Lent, you might also like to consider the following:



Scripture Sharing on the Sunday readings of Lent will take place on Tuesdays after the 10am Mass in the Upper Room.



Join with the **Legion of Mary** in praying the **Stations of the Cross** on a Friday afternoon at 3pm in the Church of Our Lady and St. David.

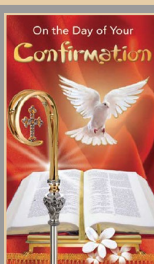
Annual Cemetery Mass in St. Corban's Cemetery Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm



Cards, gifts and practical items for Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Weddings or Baptism.

Along with our wide selection of Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets, Gifts for all occasions, Candles, Rosaries, Bibles and Prayer Books.

Call into the Parish Shops



A reminder that car parking is free in the car park adjacent to the Mercy Convent Primary School while you attend Sunday Mass (including the Saturday vigil at 6pm).

We ask that you park only in the designated spaces.

Naas Ladies Gaelic Football Annual Table Quiz

Friday 24 March at 8pm: Naas GAA Club, Sallins Road.



Quizmaster Pat Costello of RTE Radio & Kildare Nationalist.

Tickets €10 ea. (€40 per table of 4).

Prizes: one night stay for two people in Dunraven Arms Hotel, Adare plus more great raffle prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the night.

All are very welcome.



NAAS TIDY TOWNS - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 23rd March in
McAuley Place, Sallins Road
at 7.30pm.

ALL WELCOME



Naas Community Garden Club

Meeting on Tuesday 21st March at 7pm, upstairs in Naas Library.

You don't have to be an expert gardener to attend. We plan to adopt a few green patches around Naas town where we will plant some shrubs, herbaceous plants and create some wildflowers areas. The aim is to meet regularly, learn, participate, trade tips, swap stories while enhancing our town and creating and adopting some vacant corners.

Call Majella 0874183539 or email naasgardenclub@gmail.com



Mothers Prayers Annual Weekend 2023

Friday 24th—Sunday 26th March

St John's Rest and Care Centre,

Knock, (No Cover Charge)

You don't have to be a mother to attend, and if you can only come for a short time please feel free to do so, this too will bring many blessings.

For Further information please contact Marie 087 6184110



Easter Hamper Raffle

Win one of these beautiful Easter baskets full of hand knitted chicks and chocolate or a Cuddly Bunny surrounded by delicious treats.

Tickets available from the parish shops, €3 each.



Naas Parish Weekly Lotto Draw!

Tickets are €2 each. Thank you for your support.

